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MINNESOTA'S MARCH MILK OUTPUT UP 2.1 PERCENT

March 2012 milk production totaled 795 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2.1 percent from the 779 million pounds produced in March 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised February 2012 milk output was 735 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds in March 2012, up 50 pounds from last March. The revised February 2012 rate was 1,580 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during March 2012 was 465,000 head, unchanged from the February 2012 number, but down 4,000 head from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first three months of 2012 was 2.30 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from the same period a year ago.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 4.3 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from March 2011. February revised production, at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 2011. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,931 pounds for March, 59 pounds above March 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 94,000 head more than March 2011, and 9,000 more than February 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the first three months of 2012 was 47.4 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Mar 2011	Feb 2012 Rev.	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Feb 2012 Rev.	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Feb 2012 Rev.	Mar 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,760	1,784	1,785	2,040	1,965	2,135	3,590	3,506	3,811	106.2
ID	576	580	580	1,880	1,800	1,930	1,083	1,044	1,119	103.3
MN	469	465	465	1,660	1,580	1,710	779	735	795	102.1
NY	610	610	610	1,810	1,730	1,865	1,104	1,055	1,138	103.1
PA	543	541	540	1,710	1,570	1,710	929	849	923	99.4
WI	1,266	1,266	1,269	1,775	1,705	1,845	2,247	2,159	2,341	104.2
23 States	8,425	8,510	8,519	1,872	1,780	1,931	15,773	15,149	16,452	104.3

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